



SpaceX First Launch

Will the launch be successful?



Executive Summary

- In this project, we will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully.
- We perform data collection and data wrangling
- We perform exploratory data analysis with SQL and Pandas to understand the data.
- We build interactive maps with Folium to visualize the data.
- We build predictive models using various machine learning algorithms.
- The best accuracy was 84.82%% on the test set.

Introduction

- SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage.
- Therefore if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch.
- This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

Data Collection & Data Wrangling

- We gathered data from the SpaceX API.

- We web scrapped Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.

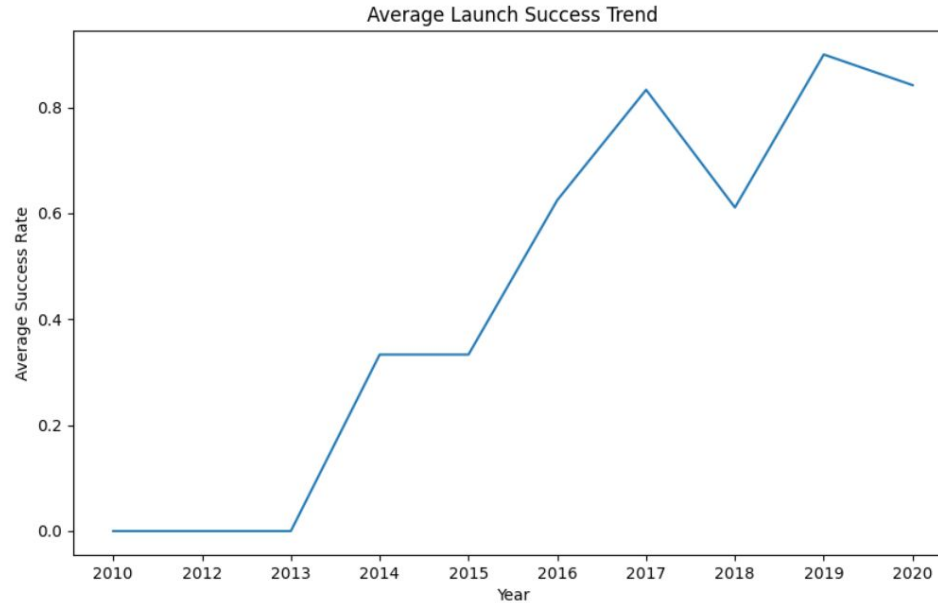
- Extract a Falcon 9 launch records HTML table from Wikipedia.

- Parse the table and convert it into a Pandas dataframe.

	Flight No.	Launch site	Payload	Payload mass	Orbit	Customer	Launch outcome	Version Booster	Booster landing	Date	Time
0	1	CCAFS	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	F9 v1.0B0003.1	Failure	4 June 2010	18:45
1	2	CCAFS	Dragon	0	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0004.1	Failure	8 December 2010	15:43
2	3	CCAFS	Dragon	525 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0005.1	No attempt	22 May 2012	07:44
3	4	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-1	4,700 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0006.1	No attempt	8 October 2012	00:35
4	5	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-2	4,877 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0007.1	No attempt	1 March 2013	15:10

Sample Data

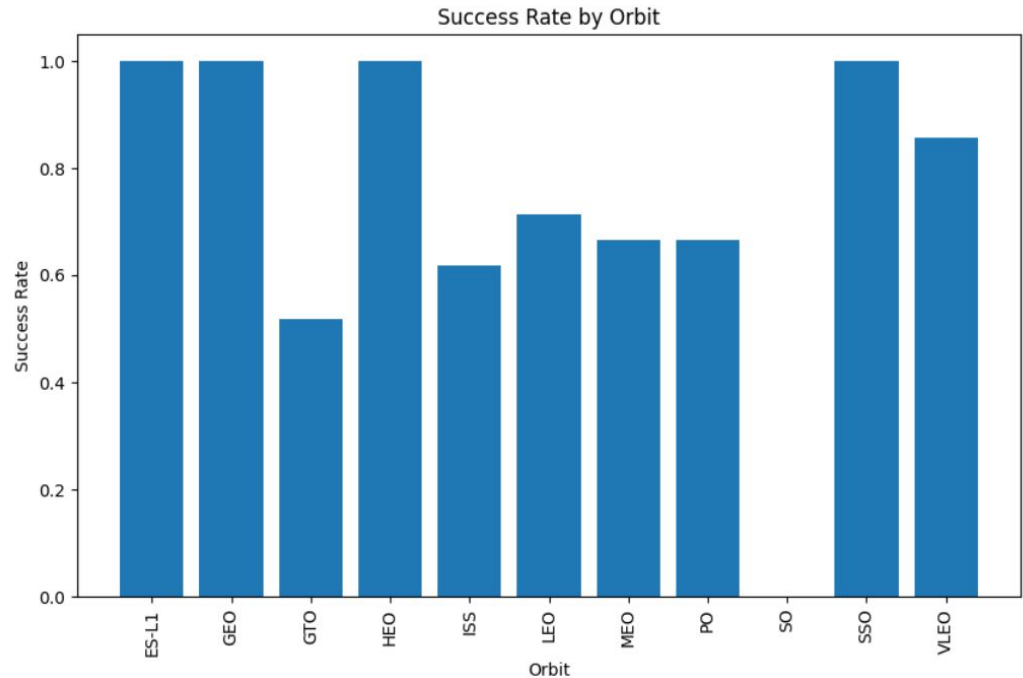
Exploratory Data Analysis



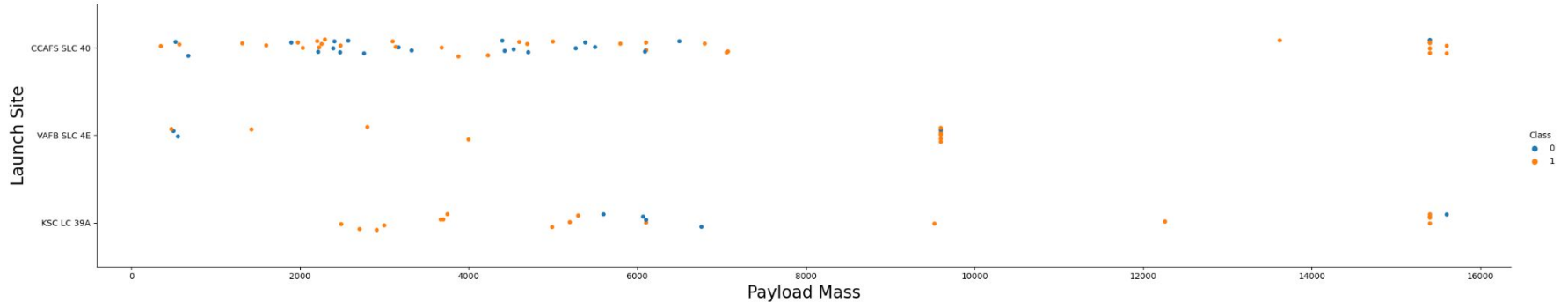
You can observe that the success rate of launches since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.

Exploratory Data Analysis

- The bar chart shows the success rate of each orbit.
- The orbits with the highest success rates are ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO



Exploratory Data Analysis



- Now if you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000).

EDA with SQL

We explore the data using SQL to gain more insight and answer some questions.

```
1 %%sql
2 SELECT Customer
3 FROM SPACEXTBL
4 WHERE Mission_Outcome = 'Success'
5     AND Landing_Outcome LIKE '%drone%'
6     AND (PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000);

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

Customer
SES
SKY Perfect JSAT Group
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SES
SES EchoStar

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

EDA with SQL

There are **899** failure missions and **100** successful missions.

```
1 %%sql
2 SELECT Mission_Outcome, COUNT(*) as total
3 FROM SPACEXTBL
4 GROUP BY Mission_Outcome;
```

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Mission_Outcome	total
None	898
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	98
Success	1
Success (payload status unclear)	1

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EDA with SQL

There are **4** unique launch sites in the dataset.

```
1 %%sql
2 SELECT DISTINCT("Launch_Site")
3 FROM SPACEXTBL
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

Done.

Launch_Site
CCAFS LC-40
VAFB SLC-4E
KSC LC-39A
CCAFS SLC-40
None

Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

EDA with SQL

Booster versions that have carried the biggest payload.

```
1 %%sql
2 SELECT Booster_Version
3 FROM SPACEXTBL
4 WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_") FROM SPACEXTBL);

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

Booster_Version

F9 B5 B1048.4
F9 B5 B1049.4
F9 B5 B1051.3
F9 B5 B1056.4
F9 B5 B1048.5
F9 B5 B1051.4
F9 B5 B1049.5
F9 B5 B1060.2
F9 B5 B1058.3
F9 B5 B1051.6
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List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass

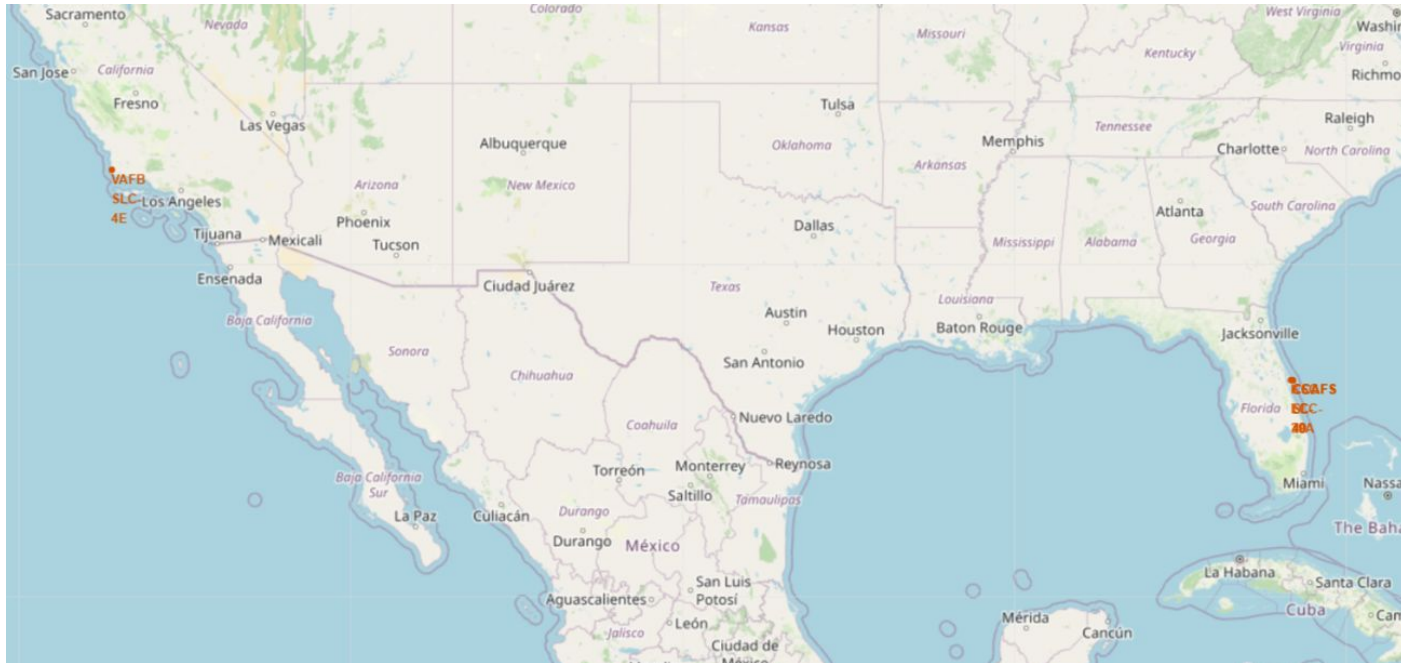
Predictive Analysis

We build models using the following machine learning algorithms and evaluate the performance of each using the accuracy metric.

- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machines
- Decision Tree
- KNN

The GridSearchCV algorithm is used to find the optimum hyperparameters for each machine learning algorithm.

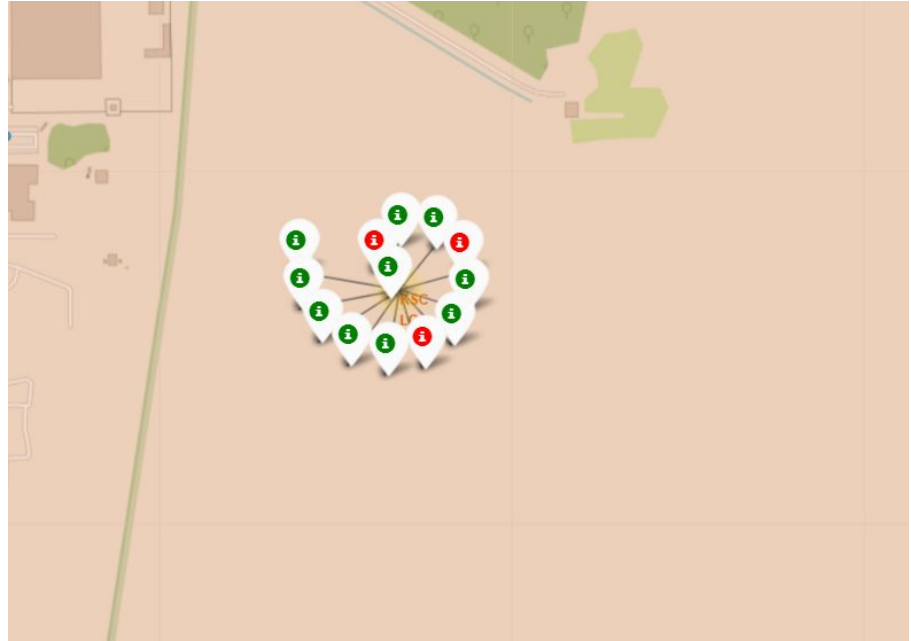
Interactive Folium Map



Map showing the various launch sites

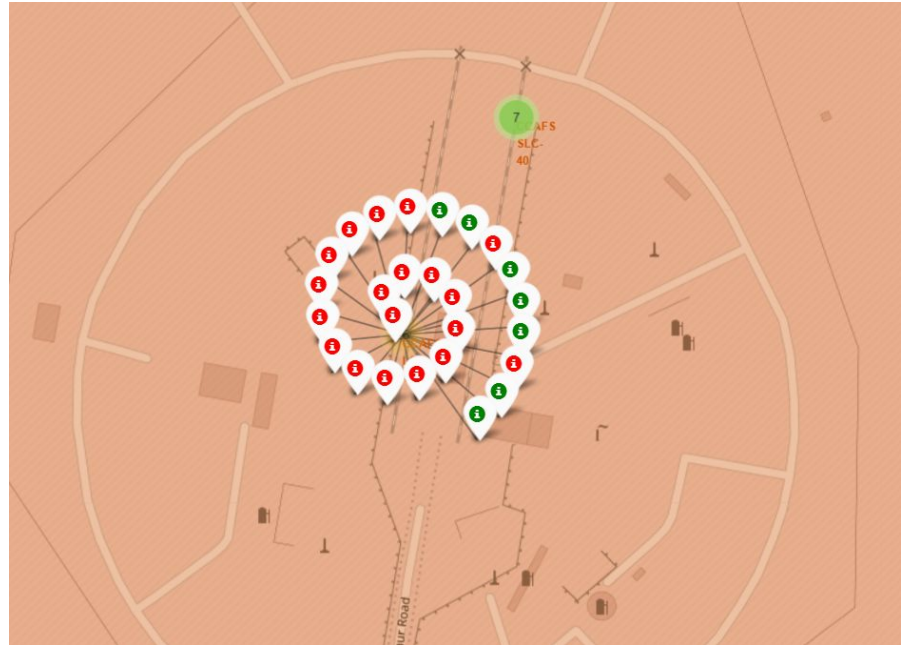
Interactive Folium Map

The RSC-LC launch site has had **10** successful launches out of 13 launches.



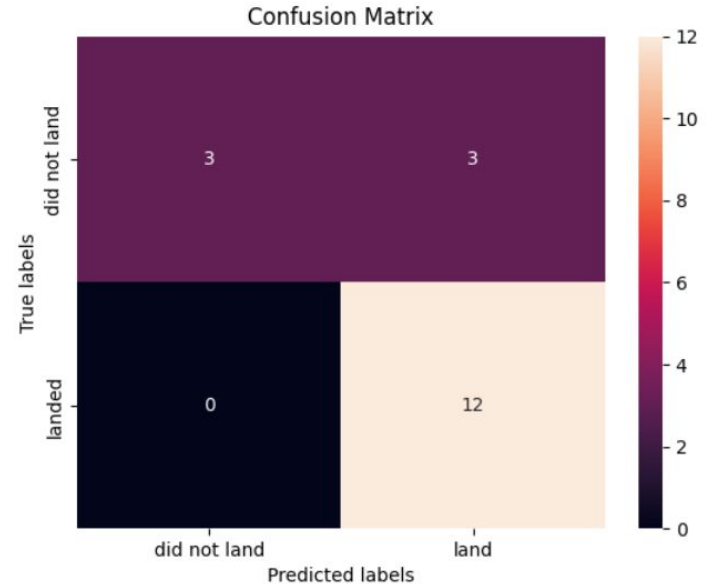
Interactive Folium Map

The CCAFS launch site has had **7** successful launches out of 26 launches.



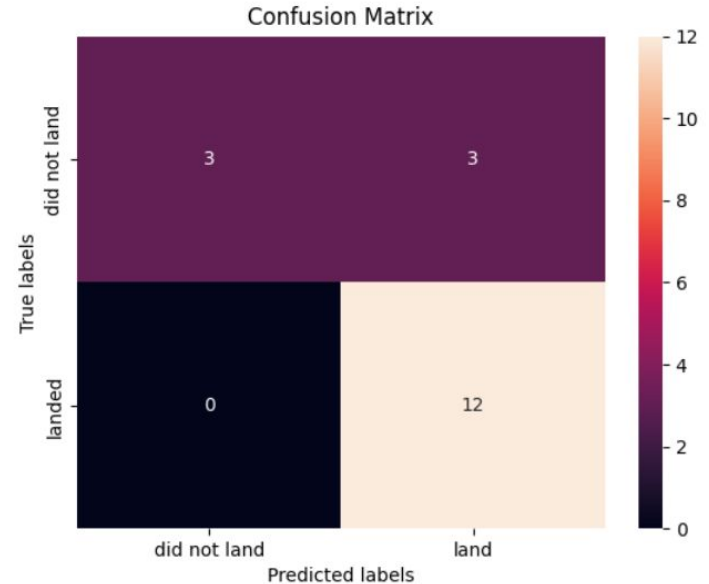
Predictive Analysis Result

- The **logistic regression** model had a train accuracy of **84.82%** and a test accuracy of 83.33%.
- It correctly predicted **12** successful launches and **3** unsuccessful launches.
- It misclassified 3 launches that failed as successful.



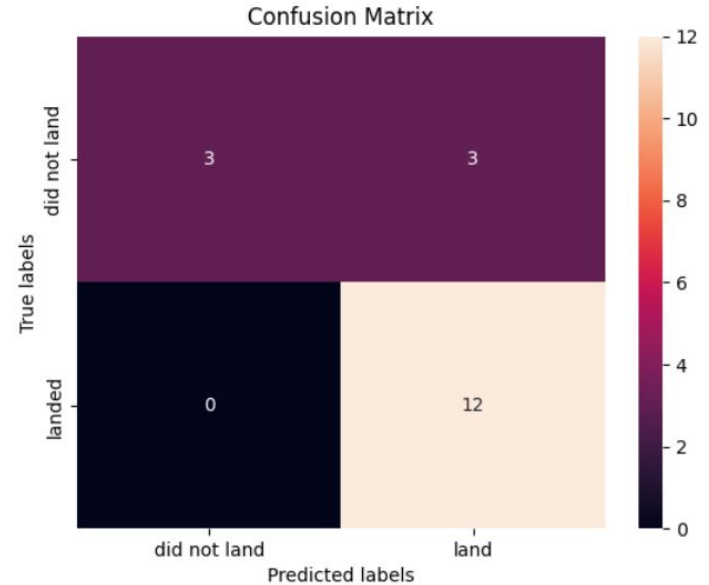
Predictive Analysis Result

- The **SVM** model had a train accuracy of **84.82%** and a test accuracy of 83.33%.
- It correctly predicted **12** successful launches and **3** unsuccessful launches.
- It misclassified **3** launches that failed as successful.



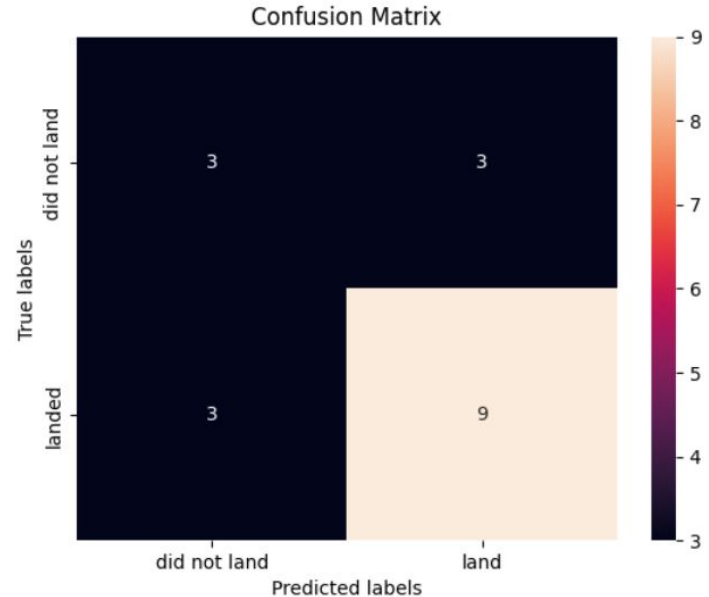
Predictive Analysis Result

- The **KNN** model had a train accuracy of **84.82%** and a test accuracy of 83.33%.
- It correctly predicted **12** successful launches and **3** unsuccessful launches.
- It misclassified **3** launches that failed as successful.



Predictive Analysis Result

- The **Decision Tree** model had a train accuracy of **88.93%** and a test accuracy of **66.67%**.
- It correctly predicted **9** successful launches and **3** unsuccessful launches.
- It misclassified **3** launches that failed as successful.
- It misclassified **3** launches that succeeded as failures.



Conclusion

- Most of the launches from the CCAFS site were unsuccessful. Further investigation is needed.
- Launches aimed toward the ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO orbits have a higher chance of being successful.
- The machine learning model was successful at predicting rockets that landed successfully. However, more data is needed to improve the performance of the machine learning model.